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MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN
STATE SUPERINTENDENT

June 2, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: John C. Austin, President

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SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Honoring Michael P. Flanagan,
State Superintendent

The State Board of Education expresses its heartfelt gratitude to Michael P. Flanagan, as he retires following ten years of dedicated service as the State Superintendent.

A resolution honoring State Superintendent Flanagan is attached.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the Resolution Honoring Michael P. Flanagan, State Superintendent, as attached to the President's memorandum dated June 2, 2015.

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RESOLUTION

MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

LET IT BE KNOWN, Michael P. Flanagan has served Michigan students and educators as State Superintendent of Public Instruction since May, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mike earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Notre Dame and his Master of Educational Administration from Eastern Michigan University; and

WHEREAS, For seven years, Mike Flanagan served as the Superintendent of the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA). Prior to that, he was Superintendent of the Farmington/Farmington Hills School District in Michigan for five years. He is past chairperson of the Education Alliance of Michigan, a nonprofit coalition of leading parent, business, and education associations; past president of the National County Superintendents Association and former Education Advisor for Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. In his leadership, Mike is driven to engage and empower stakeholders, policy leaders, and the public to provide input and insight; and

WHEREAS, Mike has earned many prestigious national and state awards and honors over his tenure. For example, he became the first State Superintendent in the nation to receive the highly-coveted *Distinguished Service Award* from the National Association of State Boards of Education and earned the *Distinguished Service and Leadership Award* from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Whether it is serving on a national or state board or touring a Michigan school and learning from local educators and students, Mike always has led by his example of continuous learning, hard work, open-mindedness, tenacity, and commitment to effectiveness in his roles as a student, leader, mentor and colleague; and

WHEREAS, Mike has announced his retirement as State Superintendent effective on June 30, 2015; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education receives with deep regret the news of the retirement of this honored and distinguished leader; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education thanks Mike for his contributions and years of dedicated service to the State of Michigan, its educators and its children; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education wishes Mr. Michael P. Flanagan a future full of laughter, happiness and good health with friends and family; especially his wife Anna, their children Mike (Judan), Brian (Lauren), and Christa (Jason); along with their grandchildren, Alysha, Ella, Avery, Will, Landen and Joseph.